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Casey says spy case hurt U.S.

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WASHINGTON — The Walker spy case has damaged American interests and confirms that the Soviet KGB has a "very large and wellorganized program," CIA director William J. Casey says.

In an interview with U.S. News & World Report published Saturday, Casey called the Walker case "a big success" for the Soviet Union. "It also confirms what we have known right along — that the Soviet KGB has avery large and well-organized program operating on a worldwide basis," he said.

John Walker Jr., 47, the accused ringleader, was arrested May 20. Within days, his son, Michael, 22, and brother, Arthur, 50, also were arrested. A fourth suspect, Jerry Whitworth, 45, was arrested June 3.

"We have had success in thwarting the KGB ranks, and over the last couple of years, they've had a lot of failures," Casey said. "But they have their successes, too — and this particular case seems to be a big success."